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**SEEDS OF AFRICAN  
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**JANUARY 1937.**

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**MOUNT ELGON NURSERIES, KITALE,  
KENYA COLONY,  
EAST AFRICA.**

## INDIGENOUS TO AFRICA

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**Albizzia** sasa, a forest tree; light foliage and pink flowers.

„ coriaria, similar to the above but indigenous to the warmer districts.

**Amaryllis** sp. 'Berg Lily' attractive pink amaryllis-like lowers borne single on each stem; 9 in. (Bulbs 15/- per 100)

**Berkeya** Speakeana, perennial with grey prickly leaves and large yellow daisy-like flowers; 3 ft.

**Buphane** disticha, allied to Brunsvigia, large pompom heads of red flowers preceding the leaves; 1 ft. Bulbs are very large, to 3 lbs. (2/6 each)

**Canarina** abyssinica, a variety quite distinct from C. Eminii which has already created considerable interest. Tuberous climber, moist shade conditions, flowers orange-red. (Tubers 3/- each)

**Delphinium** Wellbyi; formerly listed as Delphinium sp. (Abyssinia)

**Dissotis** sp. This variety is at present at Kew for naming. Shrub to 5 ft. Flowers rich mauve and very large. Seed scarce.

**Dracaena fragrans** herbaceous plant carrying spikes of hyacinth-scented flowers; requires shade and moisture. 5—6 ft.

**Haemanthus multiflorus** 'Blood Lily', broad leaves follow the large heads of scarlet pompom-shaped flowers borne on a single scape; 1 ft.

„ sp. a dwarfer variety, flowers rose pink; 9 in.

**Hibiscus** cannabinus, a light shrub to six feet; large deep purple flowers, very dentated foliage.

**Homeria** sp. Bulbous plant; flowers pale orange; suitable to cold house or sheltered border.

**Ixia** sp. (Orange) and I. flexuosa, formerly included in I. spp. mixed but now available separately.

**Lobelia** aberdarica, giant herbaceous species from cold altitudes; basal leaves and high spikes of blue flowers rising 8—10 ft.





## MOUNT ELGON NURSERIES

P. O. KITALE

KENYA COLONY.

### INTERESTING DELPHINIUM SPECIES

**Delphinium macrocentron** is an herbaceous variety to 6 ft. bearing many green, to blue-green, to cobalt blue flowers. Known as the 'Green Delphinium' as some of its shades are almost a deep-sea green and their appearance rather sinister. It appreciates rather close planting, towards the back of an herbaceous border, with shade at its roots; full use is then made of its long stems.

**Delphinium Wellbyi** is indigenous to the cool highlands of Abyssinia, is sweet scented, of branching habit and grows to a height of 2 ft. and over. The flowers vary in their shades of blues and mauves and are single. We advise planting in clumps towards the front of an herbaceous border, putting the plants about 18 in. apart.

**Delphinium candidum** is a somewhat rare pure white tuberous variety. It is slow to germinate, taking up to six months, but thereafter growth is rapid and it may be flowered within ten months of sowing. This variety is found on the lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro; but we do not know as yet if it will withstand actual frost.

We should like to emphasise that none of the three varieties require heat. They should be given cool treatment only. Seed should be sown in trays in a cool house, pricked out in the usual way; plants may then be moved to a warm sunny border where they will flower happily in the open. More failures have been traced to growing in heat than to any other cause.

Seed of all three varieties is supplied in one shilling packets; quotations for commercial quantities on request. Collection of one packet of each variety 3/6, air postage free; Canada and United States of America 3/9; European Countries, other than Britain, 3/9. Seed for America is sent by air to London and thence by sea mail (about 12 days).

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**Moraea bicolor** large lemon yellow flowers with maroon blotch; 3 ft.

„ sp., an attractive dwarf variety, snow white; 1 ft.

**Pentas** coccinea, an attractive deep scarlet variety; 1½ ft.

„ longiflora sp., a shrubby form of the species, flowers white with grey tubes; 5 ft.

**Podalyria** sericea, shrub of neat habit, 4 ft.; flowers mauve, foliage grey and silky.

**Ruttya** speciosa, 'Sealing Wax Bush', evergreen shrub; unusual copper coloured flowers with black marking; 4 ft.

**Sparaxis** tricolor, large vivid flowers; red, purple and yellow markings

„ grandiflora, large white flowers with yellow and black centre.

„ mixed, includes a range of varieties not yet separated.

**Streptanthera** cuprea, bulbous plants, vivid copper coloured flowers, purple centre.

**Sutherlandia** frutescens, small shrub; greyish leaves and scarlet flowers; 3 ft.

**Thunbergia** Battiscombii, a climbing species with rich blue flowers.

**Watsonia** spp. mixed, from a wide range of named varieties.

## EXOTICS.

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**Alpinia** nutens, ornamental foliage plant, showy spikes of white flowers with tiger markings.

**Amphicome** arguta, an herbaceous Bignonia (India), long racemes of attractive pink flowers; 3 ft.

**Aristolochia** elegans, flowers yellowish-green, streaked red.

„ gigas, very large white and brown flowers.

„ ridicula, large flowered and long lipped variety, tawny, with purple-brown veins.

**Clerodendron** Balfourii, slender twining plant; red and cream flowers.

**Crocosma** aurea, bulbous evergreen, flowers rich orange with black stamens; 2—3 ft.

**Ceanothus** arboreus, Evergreen; 20 ft. Flowers pale blue fragrant.

„ cyaneus, flowers dark blue, yellow anthers; 8 ft.

**Echium** creticum, dwarf annual variety; flowers brick red.

**Fuchsia** boliviana, more dwarf and compact than F. corymbiflora; scarlet; 4 ft.

**Furcraea** sp. an aloe-like plant with porcelain-white flowers flushed green; 10 ft

**Lathyrus** splendens, large claret-coloured flowers.

**Monstera** deliciosa, interesting plant with edible fruit; large perforated leaves, big white spathe.

**Montonoa** bipinnatifida, 'Daisy Tree', small tree, large pinnate leaves, cymes of white daisy-like flowers.

**Tigridia** mixed, 'Tiger Flower' seed collected from a wide range of vivid colours.

**Thunbergia** grandiflora, fast growing climber; dark foliage, flowers blue (or white).